

WPL Building & Grounds Committee Meeting  
Special Meeting  
February 24, 2023, 3:30 PM  
via Zoom

PRESENT: Lori Goertz, Barbara Groves, Anne Hunt, Amy Sanborn and Amy Jansen

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee met and discussed a possible expansion of the existing patio and the landscaping around the Library.

Patio discussion:

- The Committee discussed the potential expansion of the existing patio.
- The discussion included areas of shade and the need to address the drainage and catch basins.
- Timing of implementing a plan was also discussed. This included the possibility of applying for a State Library Grant for matching funds. It is likely that outside work expanding the Library would qualify for matching funds. Such an application would need to be filed in 2024. (Typically it has been June 30 June intent to file with the application due September 1st.) This could also include the window replacement project and a generator. There are various boxes that need to be “ticked” to apply for the grant.
- The importance of being respectful of the original Salerno architecture with any patio expansion was discussed. Member Sanborn volunteered to contact Michael Tribe of Peter Gisolfi Associates to see if he and PGA might be able to work with us. PGA was the architect used for the 2016 renovation.
- The Committee discussed the role that Director Parsells will need to play in this process.
- The Committee reviewed the respective roles of Historic District Commission and Beautification related to any possible patio expansion.
- The possibility of visiting other libraries to see their patios was discussed. Perhaps PGA will have some thoughts on this?

Landscaping:

- Member Hunt discussed the situation with the landscaping around the Library.
- The discussion included the plantings that were stolen, whether the boxwoods by children’s need to be removed due to disease, and the need to address the nature of the plantings installed last year and how it looks through the winter—quite bare and no green.
- She will be attending the Beautification meeting next Thursday and discussing this with them.
- The plans for the sidewalks connecting the center of town and heading up to Norfield Church were discussed and what impact there will be on the area in front of the Library along the driveway. How to address the sidewalk plans was not discussed.

Other:

- The Committee discussed the state of the lawn to the south of the Library between the building and Norfield Road. The grass is bare and the soil compacted. This appears to be the result of a program that had been using that space.
- Chairman Goertz will add this to her list of items to discuss with Town Administrator Luiz when they speak in the near future.

Member Sanborn made a motion to nominate Member Hunt to be the B&G Committee Chairman. Second by Member Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 4:23 PM. Second by Member Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

Anne Hunt  
Chairman, WPL Buildings & Grounds Committee  
Secretary Pro Tem